

action to be taken by the petitioner. If the operation is not authorized the Executive Secretary will notify the petitioner indicating the basis for the action taken by the Board.

II. When Necessary Consents are not Secured.

The statute provides that before the Eugenics Board can issue an order in a case where necessary consents have not been secured, it must hold a hearing in which reasons for and against the operation are heard. The party to be sterilized may be present or be represented, if he or she desires. When a petition is received without the necessary consents, the Executive Secretary of the Eugenics Board requests the Sheriff of the county or counties in which the individual to be sterilized and the spouse, parent, next of kin or guardian lives to serve notice upon them of a hearing before the Eugenics Board. The sheriff delivers to each a copy of Form No. 3 - Notice of Hearing, and a certified copy of Form No. 1 or Form No. 2 - Petition for Operation of Sterilization or Asexualization. This service must be made at least 20 days in advance of the time set for the hearing. If individuals appear for the hearing, testimony is taken by the Board and information thus secured is considered along with the information submitted by the petitioner in reaching a final decision.

Notice of the decision will be given as indicated in paragraph I above.

III. When Changes in Original Order are Needed.

As used in this section the word "petitioner" means the person who filed the petition, either the county superintendent of public welfare or superintendent of a State institution.

A. Extension of Time for Performance of Operation.

If an authorized operation cannot be performed during the period designated in the order by the Eugenics Board, the petitioner should write to the Executive Secretary of the Eugenics Board requesting an extension of time and specifying the reason for the request. In most instances the period of time can be extended by the Executive Secretary. A letter will be sent in triplicate to the petitioner authorizing an extension of time to a specified date, usually six months later. The petitioner should attach the original letter to the original order of the Eugenics Board and a copy to the copies of the order intended for the physician and for the petitioner. This letter will authorize the physician to perform the operation within the extended period of time.

If for any reason the time cannot be extended by the Executive Secretary, the request will be presented by the Executive Secretary to the Eugenics Board or the petitioner will be notified of the specific action which must be taken before an extension of time can be given.